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Hijacking of Kuwaiti Airliner

An Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman cited by IRNA condemned the shooting of the U.S. official, and Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i dispatched a senior adviser to Mehrabad Airport to help solve the crisis, according to Tehran radio. In Kuwait, the Cabinet met in continuous session throughout 6 December and decided to send further cables to Tehran urging the Iranian authorities to take "urgent measures" to preserve the lives of the passengers, Kuwait radio reported. The Syrian Government also asked the Iranians to "double efforts" to solve the crisis, KUNA stated. The agency subsequently noted that Kuwait had received a message from President Reagan dealing with the hijacking.

Lebanon

The Israeli delegation gave no answer to Lebanon's proposals because the Lebanese must still complete their plan and provide the Israelis with more details, Jerusalem radio announced in a report on the 6 December talks at Al-Naqurah. The Israelis therefore requested clarifications on "certain points" and progress was slow, even though the talks were held in a friendly atmosphere, the radio said. The next session will be held on 10 December, Beirut radio noted.

Responding to Israel's continuing doubts over Lebanon's ability to make the necessary military arrangements to ensure an IDF withdrawal, President Amin al-Jumayyil called for unified national efforts to foil all Israeli "pretexts," Beirut radio reported, and he stressed that "certain steps" must be implemented immediately to make the government's deeds compatible with its objectives and to dispel foreign doubts about the Army. Meanwhile, the Military Council held an urgent meeting at Al-Jumayyil's request to redraft the security plan for the coast, according to Voice of Lebanon radio.

Israel

Peres in Paris — The French Government has done all it can to provide one of the greatest demonstrations of friendship for the State of Israel in its history, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres stated in remarks broadcast by Jerusalem radio after his talks with President Francois Mitterrand. The visit was a "wonderful gesture of support for Israel," he contended, and the French responded positively to all of Israel's requests. In an earlier statement over the radio, Peres noted that his talks with Mitterrand had focused on ways to resolve the Lebanese problem and resume the peace process with Jordan and Egypt. Peres gained the impression that France is ready to play a central role in helping to resolve the Lebanese issue, according to IDF radio.

In a separate development, Peres confirmed that Israel may purchase two nuclear reactors from France to meet its energy requirements but he stressed that this was not the purpose of his visit to Paris, Jerusalem radio reported. The radio subsequently disclosed that the Israeli Finance Ministry is "skeptical" about the economic viability of buying nuclear power plants.

PLO

'Arafat Meetings — The Italian prime minister and foreign minister met with PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat during their current visit to Tunisia, Rome radio reported. Earlier, 'Arafat held talks with Iraqi President Saddam Husayn before departing from Baghdad, according to INA.

'Arafat's Opponents — Ahmad al-Yamani, the PFLP's representative on the PLO Executive Committee before the 17th PNC session, asserted in remarks reported by Damascus radio that the legitimate PNC headquarters remains in Damascus, from where PLO institutions and officials will continue their activity in accordance with the resolutions and programs of the 16th PNC.

Weinberger in Saudi Arabia

U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger's talks with Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan in Riyadh were part of the ongoing U.S.-Saudi consultation over military matters and technical cooperation that could increase the capabilities of the Saudi Armed Forces, SPA reported. Noting the Saudi Government's desire to strengthen its Armed Forces with "sophisticated" equipment, the Saudi ambassador to Washington said that Weinberger's visit to the Kingdom will provide a "positive service" in this regard, the agency added.

Afghanistan

The authorities have begun distributing weapons to members of self-defense groups in institutions and enterprises, Kabul radio reported.

Pakistan

Mobs of Sunni Muslims burned houses belonging to Shi'ites in Karachi, according to AFP. The renewed sectarian violence erupted when Sunnis celebrating the Prophet's birthday marched through a Shi'ite area.

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Ziray Meets Khitrov-Led Soviet Delegation
LD062059 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] Today in his office, Saleh Mohammad Ziray, member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, met the Soviet delegation, led by Leonid Ivanovich Khitrov, member of the CPSU Central Committee, member of the Supreme Soviet and head of the USSR State Committee for Supply of Production Equipment for Agriculture, who at present is paying a friendly visit to our revolutionary government.

During this visit, which took place in the presence of 'Abdol Ghaffar Lakanwal, minister of Agriculture and Land Reform, talks were held on subjects of mutual interest in a friendly and cordial atmosphere.

Mahmud Barialay Speaks at Prague Conference
LD070948 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, today delivered a speech at the round table of the consultative council of *PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SOCIALISM* magazine, which has been convened in Prague. Mahmud Barialay, at the head of a party delegation, arrived recently in Prague, the capital of CSSR, to take part in this round table.

Weapons Distributed to Self-Defense Groups
LD061449 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto and Dari 0205 Gmt 2 Dec 84

[Excerpt] The distribution of weapons to members of self-defense groups at institutions and enterprises has begun in accordance with the joint resolution of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and of the DRA Council of Ministers.

At a meeting held yesterday in the education press building on the occasion of the distribution of weapons to members of the self-defense groups of the education press, the deputy minister of education and training spoke about the victory of the April revolution and its gains. He explained the mission of the workers for the defense of their enterprise. The weapons provided by the trade union, through the Kabul city council, were then distributed to the members of the self-defense groups.

CSSR Delegation Arrives for Cooperation Talks
LD062353 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1730 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] The second session of the joint commission on economic, trade [word indistinct] and technical cooperation for 1985 between the DRA and CSSR began talks this afternoon at the Ministry of Commerce. The CSSR delegation, headed by Jaros lav Jakubec, deputy minister of foreign trade, arrived this morning in Kabul. At Kabul Airport, the delegation was welcomed by the deputy minister of commerce and some members of the Afghan delegation.

Saudi Arabia Supplies Weapons to Rebels
LD061509 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto and Dari 0205 GMT 2 Dec 84

[From the "In the Mirror of the Press" program]

[Text] Under the title: The Saudi Regime Supplies Arms to the Counterrevolutionaries of Afghanistan, a page two article in *HAQIQAT-E ENQELAB-E SAWR* explains the nature of the interference by international reaction in the victorious revolution of our country. In this connection, eight documents captured from ringleaders of these bands are reproduced on this page.

In one of these documents, addressed to the criminal Siyaf, the sale of weapons is mentioned, we read:

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful,

Mujahid brother, Professor Abdol Rasoul Siyaf, chairman of Etehad-e Eslami of Afghanistan Mujahidin:

All brothers send to you greetings and praise from the heated trenches of Jihad against the occupying Soviet forces and against Babrak's soldiers; and they wish that God almighty will make you victorious in their duties on the path of (?Pakistan).

His excellency the professor,

All those items from the Saudi Arabian assistance that you sent to us I sold in the tribal regions, and here transfer the sum of 50,440 rupees, their proceeds, to you.

I ask his excellency not to let the military officer know about this subject as he instructed me not to sell the weapons without his permission.

Wishing you victories and waiting for your excellency's instructions. Be assured that each of your instructions will be implemented by me. May God give us success.

U.S. Aids Pakistan in 'Anti-Afghan War'
LD071007 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0430 GMT 7 dec 84

[Text] Kabul, December 6, BAKHTAR — A political observer of BAKHTAR writes:

Another American delegation of 16 U.S. congressmen has visited Islamabad. Senator Sam Nunn, a member of the delegation, visited a camp of Afghan counter-revolutionaries near Peshawar and assured the banidts of Washington's full support and promised them an increase in U.S. aid to their undeclared war against Democratic Afghanistan. In the western press this war is openly qualified as the biggest CIA secret operation. Alluding to certain members of the Reagan administration, *THE NEW YORK TIMES* wrote that in the current fiscal year the White House

will increase its [words indistinct] Pakistani-based Afghan counter-revolutionaries to 280 million dollars.

Upon U.S. insistance, Islamabad has been increasing its involvement in the anti-Afghan war. It has expanded the network of training centres where American, Pakistani and other foreign instructors train mercenaries in the use of new weapons including U.S. surface-to-surface and SAM missiles. Officers of the bandit [passage indistinct]

Frontier conflicts with the participation of Pakistani Army units have become more numerous. On October 5 this year several Pakistani combat helicopters invaded the air space of Afghanistan in the vicinity of Barikowt (Konarha) and opened fire on two Afghan helicopters. On October 21 an Afghan helicopter was shot down in the same region by submachine gun fire from the Pakistani territory. Pakistani Air Force planes regularly violate the air space of Afghanistan. Pakistani agents, reconnaissance and commando groups of the Pakistani Army and frontier guards are often sent [word indistinct] the Afghanistan border. On July 25, for instance, a group of 40 Pakistani commandoes crossed into Afghanistan territory near Teri Mangal.

This shows that while paying lip service to the cause of peaceful settlement of the Afghanistan problem Pakistan has been actually escalating its military provocations against the Democrati Republic of Afghanistan.

DRA, Benin Establish Diplomatic Relations

LD062056 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] The DRA and the Republic of Benin have established diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level. A joint communique published at the UN Headquarters stated that this action has strengthened the desire of the two sides to consolidate and develop friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries. This statement stressed that both countries will remain faithful to the principles of the UN Charter and the Nonaligned Movement.

Further Reportage on Bhopal Gas Tragedy

Death Toll Exceeds 2,000

BK061610 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Excerpts] In Bhopal, all-out efforts are continuing to provide relief to the victims of the gas tragedy. Government agencies, social organizations and political parties are working round the clock. According to PTI, the death toll has crossed 2,000. Thousands of people have been treated for various ailments.

The chief minister, Mr Arjun Singh, has said the state government is seeking legal opinion on the question of compensation to the affected people by the leakage of gas from the pesticide unit of Union Carbide. Talking to newsmen in Bhopal today, he indicated that the state government might resort to other legal steps in this regard. He assured the people of Bhopal that the general atmosphere in the city is clean.

Replying to a question, Mr Arjun Singh said that over 1,260 bodies have been either cremated or buried until late last night. The chief minister also said that he would not suggest postponement of the elections in Bhopal even though the entire government machinery is engaged in providing succor to the affected people.

Case Registered Against Management

BK070346 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Excerpts] The Madya Pradesh chief minister, Mr Arjun Singh, has reiterated that the Bhopal plant of the multinational Union Carbide Company will not be allowed to reopen. He was speaking at a meeting of the state-level relief committee at Bhopal yesterday. He said a case has been registered against the management of the company for causing deaths of large number of people because of the leakage of poisonous gas.

Thousands of people who fled to safer places have started returning to their homes with the atmosphere having been cleared of the gas.

Union Carbide Chairman Arrested

BK070750 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] The chairman of the multinational Union Carbide, Mr Anderson, was arrested this morning on arrival in Bhopal from Bombay. Mr Keshav Mahendra, the chairman of the company in India, and its managing director, Mr Gokhale, have also been arrested.

An official spokesman told All India Radio Bhopal correspondent that the arrests have been made for negligence and (?corporate's) liability causing death and suffering to the people. Five other senior officials of the Union Carbide Bhopal plant, including the general manager, were arrested earlier. Our correspondent who went around some of the affected areas this morning reports that the situation is gradually returning to normal.

Anderson Reportedly Released

NC071204 Paris AFP in English 1157 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] New Delhi, Dec 7 (AFP) — Warren Anderson, chairman of the U.S. Multinational Union Carbide Company, who was arrested by police today and charged with causing death by negligence, has been released, diplomatic sources said.

Mr Anderson, who was detained in the central Indian city of Bhopal on his arrival from Bombay, was now flying to New Delhi, the sources added.

At least 2,500 people have died of gas leaked by Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary in Bhopal, doctors said.

Mr Anderson was booked on seven charges, including culpable homicide not amounting to murder, which legal experts said carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Police arrested Mr Anderson and two officials of the Indian subsidiary when they arrived at Bhopal Airport to discuss relief measures with the state government and company representatives.

Mr Anderson was taken to a nearby villa, which was put under police guard, where he was being questioned about the leak, Bhopal Police Chief Swaraj Puri said.

Under Indian law, the three men must appear in court within 24 hours.

Relief Operations Continuing

BK070809 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] Many shops which remained closed for the last 3 days have opened. People who have left their homes have now returned. The state government is providing free bus services for transportation of the victims. Meanwhile, relief operations are continuing in the affected areas. Two centers have been set up to locate persons said to be missing.

The state government has decided not to allow the Bhopal plant of the Union Carbide to reopen. According to agency reports the death toll of the tragedy has crossed 2,000. Major leaders expressed grief over the tragedy.

Delhi Protests Sinking of Trawler by Sri Lanka

BK061628 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] India has expressed its deep concern to Sri Lanka over the sinking of an Indian trawler in Sri Lankan waters. It was conveyed to the Sri Lankan high commissioner, Mr B.P. Tilakaratna, in New Delhi today when he called on the chairman

of the policy planning committee, Mr G. Parthasarathy, to confirm the news of sinking of the trawler. An official spokesman later told newsmen that Mr Parthasarathy asked the high commissioner to take greater care in dealing with what they considered to be intrusions and not fire on unarmed fishing boats. He said the trawler might have strayed inadvertently in the Sri Lankan waters. The spokesman said India has requested Sri Lanka to send full details about the incident and about the welfare of the Indian nationals involved. The high commissioner was also told that any Indian national, if arrested, should be released forthwith and due compensation paid for any loss suffered by them.

Meanwhile, reports from Sri Lanka said that 17 bus passengers were killed when the vehicle was stopped and set on fire. The incident happened on Tuesday [4 December] when the bus was proceeding from Mannar in the northwest to Vavuniya. There are conflicting reports about the identity of the attackers.

Janata Party Leader Injured in Stoning

BK070357 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] The Bharatiya Janata Party president, Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, was injured in a stone throwing incident yesterday near Nadasa village in Mehsana District of Gujarat. He has been admitted to the V.S. Hospital in Ahmedabad. Doctors say the condition of Mr Vajpayee is satisfactory.

The state chief minister, Mr Madhavsinh Solanki, has condemned the attack. He has asked senior police officials to submit a detailed report on the incident.

Gandhi Condemns Attack

BK071002 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] Mr Rajiv Gandhi has expressed concern at the attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party president, Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, at Nandasan in Mehsana District of Gujarat yesterday. In a message to Mr Vajpayee, the prime minister said resort to violence by anyone at any time is reprehensible. It is particularly so at the election time. Mr Rajiv Gandhi wished Mr Vajpayee a speedy recovery. Mr Gandhi has instructed the Gujarat government to take speedy action to bring the culprits to book.

Akali Dal Supports National Conference Candidates

BK070554 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] The Akali Dal has decided to support the candidates of the National Conference led by a former chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, in the Lok Sabha election from Jammu and Kashmir. This has been stated by the convenor of the ad hoc committee, Mr Surjant Singh Thekedar.

Strike in Jammu City Ends 'Peacefully'

BK061619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] The bundh [strike] in Jammu City today passed off peacefully except for some minor incidents. The call for the bundh was given by a local organization, Shiv Sena, to protest against the murder of a person at a nearby town, Bishnah, yesterday.

An official spokesman told the All India Radio Jammu correspondent that the accused has been arrested. The curfew, which was imposed for varying durations in Jammu and Bishnah town today, has been lifted from both places.

Overall Situation 'Under Control'

BK071307 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] The overall situation in Jammu City continues to be under control. Indefinite curfew has been imposed in Nanaknagar area of the city following some incidents of arson and violence this morning.

Zia Issues Amendment to 1977 Election Order

BK061017 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] The president has promulgated an order which will be called the Houses of Parliament and Provincial Assemblies' Elections Third Amendment Order of 1984. Under this order, the Houses of Parliament and Provincial Assemblies' Elections Order of 1977 has been amended and a new clause inserted into Section 13. The new clause says that a reference to the commission regarding a seat falling vacant for whatever reason will be considered a reference to the commissioner.

Freed Hostages Flown From Tehran to Karachi

BK061534 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Excerpt] A total of 53 passengers released from the hijacked Kuwait Airways plane arrived in Karachi a short while ago from Tehran by a special Iran Airways flight. The passengers include women, children, and the elderly. Meanwhile, Kuwait has asked Iran to intervene immediately and effectively to ensure the return of the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner and the release and safety of hostages.

AFP: Shi'ites, Sunnis Clash; Casualty Toll Unknown

NC062027 Paris AFP in English 2005 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] Karachi, Pakistan, Dec 6 (AFP) — Police used tear gas and fired in the air today to stop clashes between Shi'ite and Sunni Moslems here, but they failed to prevent Sunni mobs from burning houses and attacking mosques, witnesses said.

The clashes began when thousands of Sunni Moslems celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the prophet Muhammad marched through the Shi'ite-dominated Rizvia colony area.

The witnesses said the Sunnis burned at least six houses of Shi'ites and attacked the colony's main Shi'ite mosque.

There was no immediate reliable casualty toll.

The Army was called out and police reinforcements were rushed in.

Hostility between the two communities had simmered since October when Shi'ites observing the mourning of Imam Husayn, the prophet's grandson, set ablaze a large Sunni business centre. At least six persons died in that clash and a curfew remained in effect for a week in several Karachi districts.

Commission Takes Steps for 'Free, Fair' Voting

BK061736 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] The election commission has taken effective steps to conduct polling for the coming referendum as well as general elections in a totally free, fair, and impartial manner. Radio Pakistan's representative says that the steps taken in this regard are meant to check fraudulent voting and all types of irregularities.

The election commission has once again made it clear that all voters — Muslims or non-Muslims whose names are on the voters lists — are eligible to exercise their right to vote in the coming referendum.

BANGLADESH

Government Seeks Understanding With Opposition

BK070548 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] The special assistant to the president, Mr A.R. Yousuf has said that government is ready to take all favorable measures so that the nation can achieve democracy and free social order permanently.

Addressing a function in Dhaka yesterday, Mr Yousuf said the government is prepared to reach an understanding with the opposition political parties for establishing democracy and trans fering power through peaceful and constitutional means. He made it clear that this understanding will be in the interest of democracy and the people. He noted that despite differences of opinion between the government and opposition, there is scope of building and understanding between them on the basis of a minimum program. This will help to move obstacles in the way of transition to democracy and holding elections.

The special assistant said both the sides should come forward and make contribution to achieve this objective. He said the solution of the country's problems call for demonstrating a spirit of tolerance and flexibility. The government will make positive response if the opposition parties realize these issues.

Mr Yousuf recalled that President Ershad was firmly committed to the establishment of democracy. He said transfer of power by [word indistinct] through democratic means but at the same time fundamental policies on development, production, and economy should be kept above controversy.

SRI LANKA

Shoot on Sight Order Issued in Colombo

BK061559 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] There will be a curfew within the Colombo Municipal Council limits from 2300 today till 0400 tomorrow. Those proceeding to the airport should obtain curfew passes from the nearest police station.

The police and the armed services have been instructed to shoot on sight any person breaking the law or attempting to creating any mischief. The curfew in the northern and eastern provinces remains the same.

AFP: Army Kills 74 Civilians in Retaliation

NC061604 Paris AFP in English 1536 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Excerpt] Colombo, Dec 6 (AFP) — Rampaging troops killed 74 civilians in northwestern Sri Lanka near where an army jeep was exploded by a landmine Monday, a former Tamil member of parliament was quoted as saying today.

Unidentified attackers had stopped a bus in the area and killed 17 people aboard Tuesday, and several villages in the same area had been set ablaze, the leading Tamil language newspaper *THINAKARAN* said today.

The government has denied that the army has been involved in any retaliatory killings of civilians since a landmine laid by Tamil separatists on the same road near Mannar on Monday killed one soldier and wounded others.

However, some reports have put the death toll from the alleged army retaliation as high as 90, and some sources said it was likely that more bodies would be found.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said that the army had killed 31 "terrorists" in a gunbattle immediately after the landmine explosion.

He said that he had asked Mannar police to investigate the reports of army reprisal attacks.

Civil Defense Committees Formed in Colombo

BK071053 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] A program to keep the people alert in readiness to meet the needs of an emergency is now underway. The formation of civil defense committees is a major step of the program. The preservation of peace, protection of lives and property and the smooth and efficient distribution of essential foodstuff are the main tasks of these committees. This program was proposed by the prime minister.

The first civil defense committee was formed by the people of the Sudhabela ward of the Colombo Municipal Council yesterday. Another was established at the Kethalwatta division in Colombo. The formation of the committees took place under the guidance of the respective municipal councillors.

AFP: Emergency Cabinet Session Undecided on Curfew

NC071047 Paris AFP in English 1041 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Excerpts] Colombo, Dec 7 (AFP) — The Sri Lankan Cabinet met for more than two hours in emergency session today to review the security situation and measures aimed at preventing an anti-Tamil backlash following stepped-up attacks by Tamil separatists in the country's north.

However no decision was reached on whether to clamp a curfew on Colombo and adjoining areas, Government spokesman Wick rema Weerasooria said.

Daily curfews are in force in the north and most of the east of the country, where sectarian violence has claimed at least 364 lives since November 19, according to a compilation of official reports. Unofficial estimates however put the toll at as high as 481.

A top police official said that security forces remained on "full alert" for possible fresh separatist attacks or an anti-Tamil backlash by majority Sinhalese.

Meanwhile the spokesman said four Indian nationals captured by Security Forces after their trawler was destroyed in Sri Lankan territorial waters Wednesday night would be returned to India. "The Indian trawler was discovered very much in Sri Lanka territorial waters", he stressed.

Under new emergency laws, Sri Lankan waters and northern coastal areas from Mannar to Mullaitivu have been declared a prohibited zone. Mr Weerasooria also said he had "no evidence" of an attack Tuesday on a bus in the same area in which 17 people were reportedly killed.

He gave the following breakdown of the official death toll so far: 30 security personnel, 128 "terrorists" and 111 civilians killed by the "terrorists." He also denied that the government was considering "action" against some foreign correspondents because some of their reports were considered incorrect by authorities here. He emphasized that Sri Lankan Security Forces were quite capable of "meeting the military challenge of the terrorists."

Meanwhile there was still no word on the fate of nine hostages seized by a separatist group Monday. The security minister said earlier this week that he had information that the hostages had been killed even before the kidnappers had issued a demand for a 10 milion rupee ($400,000) ransom in exchange for the release of three rebel leaders arrested November 6.

Reportage on Hostage Situation at Tehran Airport

Khamene'i Sends Advisor to Scene

LD061759 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] Following the messages sent by the Kuwaiti Government to President Khamene'i, President Khamene'i tonight appointed his senior advisor, Mostafa Mir-Salim, to go to Mehrabad Airport to familiarize himself fully with the situation, to find out about the condition of the passengers and crew of the Kuwaiti airliner, and to follow up the views and emphasize the president's commitment to settling the problem.

Official Reports on Events

GF070610 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Summary from poor reception] Chief adviser to the President Mr Mir-Salim has been assigned by President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i to handle matters related to the hijacked Kuwaiti plane, to report on the condition of the passengers and crew, and to follow up the instructions and guidance of the President. He met the president at midnight last night, three and a half hours after talks with the Kuwaiti team and the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran stationed at the airport; he presented a preliminary report. Mr Mir-Salim spoke to our correspondent about the steps taken in accordance with the president's instructions regarding problems related to the hijacked Kuwaiti plane.

Mir-Salim said: As you know, messages asking for a peaceful end to the hijacking incident have been received from some neighboring countries by the president. The president also wants our brothers who have been assigned to this matter to resolve it amicably. All our brothers who are acting as intermediaries are taking great pains; and we hope that, God willing, these efforts will prove fruitful in finding a solution so that the danger is averted and there is no loss of life. We have had discussions with our Kuwaiti borhters, and we hope that we will reach some sort of appropriate settlement.

Khamene'i Responds to Zia

LD071257 Tehran IRNA in English 1239 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec 7, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i cabled a reply message to his counterpart in Pakistan, Mohammad Ziaul Haq, expressing hope the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner would come to an end on the occasion of Prophet Mohammad's birthday anniversary.

"I hope on the auspicious occasion of the Prophet's birthday, which brings with it the joy of Muslims, the hijacking affair would be solved with the help of God and the dear passengers would return to their destinations," Khamene'i said.

Sunni Muslims celebrate the birthday on the 12th of Rabi al-'Awwal (Thursday Dec 6th) and Shia' Muslims on the 17th (Tuesday, Dec 11th).

The president said he had received messages from General Ziaul Haq and other heads of Islamic states "and just as we have said in the past about acts of air piracy, the Islamic Republic of Iran is against such acts which threaten the lives of a group of innocent human beings."

"Fortunately," he added "with the unabated efforts of the responsible officials, dangerous incidents have been averted to the extent possible."

Foreign Ministry Condemns Killing

LD061739 Tehran IRNA in English 1733 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 6, IRNA — A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry Thursday condemned the shooting of an American diplomat by the hijackers of the Kuwaiti airliner and expressed the hope that the hijacking will end peacefully.

He said although the Foreign Ministry officials tried hard to calm the hijackers and cooperated and coordinated with utmost effort with officials from the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry, but unfortunately direct talks between the hijackers and the Kuwaiti officials have not been held in a good direction so far. [sentence as received]

He said this afternoon we passed through a critical and difficult stage which unfortunately ended with the death of another passenger.

He said the Foreign Ministry completely condemns the act of shooting and expressed the hope that despite further threats by the hijackers, the issue will end in a peaceful manner.

Musavi Answers Kuwaiti Message

LD062124 Tehran IRNA in English 2037 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 6, IRNA — Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi sent a reply to his Kuwaiti counterpart Said al-Abdallah al-Sabah Thursday night reiterating Iran's condemnation of acts of air piracy.

"I believe it is necessary to inform Your Excellency that the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has always expressed its opposition to any act that would threaten the lives of the passengers.

"(The Islamic Republic) has repeatedly condemned the act of hijacking as inhuman and against international law," Musavi said.

"I believe it is necessary to inform Your Excellency that, according to this policy, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has made every effort for the peaceful settlement of the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner."

The prime minister also said, "The charge d'affaires of Kuwait has been requested to meet with Your Excellency in order to be informed of any idea you may have to solve this issue peacefully."

Arabic Sermon Condemns Hijackings

GF071200 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1115 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Friday Arabic sermon delivered by Ayatollah Mahdavi-Kani, Tehran Friday imam ad interim, at Tehran University on 7 December — recorded]

[Excerpt] I wish to refer to the hijacking of the Kuwaiti aircraft whose difficulties and complications — despite the intensive efforts and endeavors of Iranian officials to resolve the issue peacefully — we regret.

We condemn such actions which undermine the safety of air transport and which are suffered by innocent people who are not connected with those at whom the hijackers want to strike.

We remind others that we have carried out our Islamic and humanitarian duty, and they do not need to remind us of it. However, we want to say to the shaykhs of Kuwait: If the hijacking of aircraft is inhumane, then why did you deal with the recently hijacked Iranian aircraft? That was a shameful action! Is this Godfearing,pious cooperation? Is this Islamic brotherhood?

The main issue here is to look for the causes that lead to such actions. When an Iranian aircraft is hijacked the rulers of the region not only refrain from condemning such an action but some of them assist the hijackers. When our aircraft is detained in Baghdad, contrary to all international norms, these rulers do not speak out, but by their silence tangibly support the hijacking. However when one of their aircraft is hijacked they ask Iran to solve the problem. Iran does not support such actions, but it wants the area countries not to forget humanitarian conduct and the efforts we are exerting in this regard and in turn not to assist those who hijack our aircraft and not pave the way for such actions. When Iranian ships and oil tankers are hit in the Persian Gulf they remain silent, but when their ships are hit, they protest and object. If attacks against ships are an abhorrent action, then all attacks on all ships are abhorrent, and silence justifies the repetition of this type of action.

Hence we have to look for the causes of such actions and look at the silence of rulers regarding similar actions.

UAE President Cables Khamene'i

GF061942 Tehran IRNA in Arabic 1850 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, 6 Dec (IRNA) — In the wake of the hijacking of the Kuwaiti plane, UAE President Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan Al Nuhayyan has cabled Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i, president of the republic, urging him to intervene in order to solve the issue of the hijacked Kuwaiti plane.

In his cable, Shaykh Zayid noted that the enemies of Islam await opportunities in order to inflict damage on the Islamic Republic of Iran. He expressed his belief that the Islamic Republic of Iran has to be protected from harm. He also expressed his desire that the world establish good relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In his message to Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the UAE president requested that Iran move in the direction of solving the issue of the hijacked plane in such a way that serves Islam and humanity. He also referred to a speech delivered by Imam Khomeyni in which he said that the hijacking of planes is a matter that violates human feelings.

Shaykh Zayid expressed in his message his hope that the issue of the hijacked plane will be solved peacefully.

Algerian Ministry Sends Message

LD071137 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 1106 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] Algiers, 7 Dec (KUNA) — It has been announced here today that the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday summoned the Iranian ambassador to Algiers to convey a message to his country's government. The message includes a call for Iran to exert the necessary efforts for the release of the passengers and the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner at Mehrabad Airport.

The Algerian Government continues to exert similar efforts, at high level, to secure the safety of the passengers and the airliner, which was forces to land at the Iranian airport last Tuesday while on its journey from Kuwait to Karachi via Dubayy.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,933

LD061804 Tehran IRNA in English 1704 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 6, IRNA — Iran's Muslim combatants deployed defence tactics while putting enemy positions and supply routes under artillery fire across all fronts, from Piranshah to Paveh, Wednesday.

The Joint Staff Command said in its Communique Number 1,933 that in all the fronts, the heaviest confrontations were in Piranshah and Zobeydeh areas.

In the Chuman-Mostafa region, enemy columns and vehicles came under Iranian bombardment.

In the Sar Dasht and Hajj-'Umran regions, sporadic fire continued and the Islamic forces bombarded enemy artillery positions killing two Iraqi soldiers.

In the western and southern fronts, Muslim combatants strengthened their defensive positions and bombarded enemy patrols, inflicting casualties on them.

In the Arvand River area, the Gendarmerie forces stopped enemy fire with bombardment of their positions, killing a number of their soldiers and destroying their weaponry positions.

The port of Abadan came under enemy fire Wednesday in which a number of shops were damaged.

Majlis Speaker Urges Unity Among Muslims

LD062143 Tehran IRNA in English 2004 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec 6 IRNA — Speaking in the open session of the Majlis here Thursday morning, the Majlis speaker, Hojatt ol-Eslam 'Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, commented on "Unity Week" which started today. He expressed the hope that Islamic centers throughout the world take advantage of Unity Week and work towards the unity of Muslims.

He further urged the Muslims of the world to make efforts to eliminate all elements of schism so that they would be able to regain the rights of the Islamic world from the world oppressors.

He further referred to the leak of toxic gas in the Indian city of Bhopal this week, which has claimed the lives of a large number of people and injured tens of thousands. He said that this tragic incident, the worst chemical industry disaster, has claimed the lives of thousands of oppressed people. He further hoped that the incident would make the people of the Third World countries be more careful about foreign investments and industries in their countries.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Speech Discusses Revolution

GF070630 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0400 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani yesterday received the prosecutor general and shar' magistrates of the forces of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps [IRGC] from the various parts of Iran.

Brother Hashemi-Rafsanjani made a speech in which he referred to the importance of the mission of the IRGC forces and praised their role in thwarting the conspiracies of international oppression, He spoke of the sacrifices of these forces on the front of the war of aggression imposed by the Saddamist regime on the Islamic Revolution.

Referring to the exportation of the revolution, Brother Hashemi-Rafsanjani emphasized that the IRGC forces abroad are important examples of exporting the revolution, and that the role of these forces in Lebanon underlines the importance of this Islamic institution.

Brother Hashemi-Rafsanjani emphasized that the importance and qualities of these forces have driven international oppression to scheme, by any means, against them. As an example, the U.S. State Department, the CIA, the espionage organizations of the Zionist entity, and others, have made numerous attempts to depict the IRGC forces and religious scholars as seekers of glamor, worldly goods and wealth, and to slander the IRGC and religious scholars, isolate them, and sever their ties with the citizens.

In his speech, Brother Hashemi-Rafsanjani called on the prosecutor general and the shar' magistrates to be more vigilant and careful to confront the danger which threatens to undermine and pollute the moral aims of this important Islamic revolutionary institution.

Western Conspiracies Denounced

GF070720 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 7 Dec 84

[Text] The prosecutors and shar' magistrates of the Islamic Revolution Guards' Corps [IRGC] from all over the country met the speaker of the Islamic Majlis, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, last evening. In this meeting, Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani stressed in his speech the serious responsibility of the IRGC to defend the gains of the Islamic Revolution and said:

The IRGC is comprised of the elite of the country and has been laudably successful in discharging its responsibility vis-a-vis the constitution and in creating its niche among the people of the country. Referring to remarks by the imam that, "If the Corps were not there, the country would not be there either," Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: These are true words which have not been exaggerated. In practice we see that the noble members of the corps who could have made a lucrative living in other professions chose to join the Corps and go to the fronts with all sincerity and without any hypocrisy. It is for this reason that the Corps — at an important juncture when the Islamic Revolution was the target of the onslaught of world oppression — was most effective. It was, in fact, the real factor in foiling these conspiracies, overcoming coup d'etats, working to wipe out counter-revolutionaries and terrorists, and to carry the Islamic Republic of Iran to victory in the imposed war.

The IRGC has also played a very important role in endowing moral virtues to our society. The cultural achievements of the Corps are even more important than its military feats. At a time when we were not prepared for intelligence duties, the Corps initiated a vast network all over the country.

As to the export of revolution, the Corps is an important example of exporting the revolution. This innovation by the Corps has attracted world attention and the role of the Corps in the world has revealed the worth and potentialities of the Corps.

The Islamic Majlis speaker then stated: All these virtues and traits of the Corps creates a great deal of antagonism against the Corps. It there is the slightest flaw in the clergy or the Corps, the enemy magnifies it and spreads it all over the world. They attempt to depict the Corps and clergy as materialistic seekers of glory and worldly goods. The enemy actually plans this job. For example the U.S. State Department and the CIA, and the espionage machinery of the occupied Jerusalem regime devise ways and means of maligning and isolating the Corps and the clergy.

Emphasizing the fact that the most despicable mode of disgracing an organization and harming it is to accuse if of corruption, the Majlis speaker said: The prosecutors and the shar' magistrates of the IRGC should be most vigilant and careful of the threat to its moral character. The efforts of the enemy to contaminate the Corps should not be permitted to endanger this most important organization. We should confront this issue on a level higher than that of judicial issues; we should not be satisfied to merely eliminate the present situation.

The same problems exist regarding the clergy. In the past, when people became clergymen, their lives were (?in danger). But today it is possible to join the clergy and enter seminaries for material reasons, although the clergy will never be on a very high level materially and has always faced material austerity.

In conclusion, the imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council referred to the problem of parties and groups and their links with the Corps. He said: The imam's statements on the Corps' and Armed Forces' participation in party or group matters should be followed strictly to the letter. Experience in previous elections has proved that the imam's decree is most perceptive — the Corps and the Armed Forces should not enter into problems. This order by the imam of the nation must be carried out correctly; the Armed Forces should not embroil themselves in the problems and issues of groups and parties in the society.

The military brothers should show their sincerity in this matter. If a special trend should control their thinking in a manner that jeopardizes their military duties, then they should withdraw and give up this military responsibility.

GDR Economic, Trade, Technical Delegation Pays Visit

2 December Arrival

LD021124 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 2 Dec 84

[Text] The deputy foreign trade minister of the GDR, heading an economic, trade, and technical delegation, arrived in Tehran this morning and was welcomed by the foreign trade undersecretary of the Commerce Ministry, the GDR ambassador in Tehran, and a group of officials of our country's Foreign Affairs and Commerce Ministries.

According to our correspondent, this visit by the GDR economic and trade delegation to Iran is taking place within the framework of a memorandum of understanding which was signed earlier by the two countries' industry ministers in Germany. During its stay in Iran, this delegation will hold talks with officials of our country and will review and pursue the points of agreement in the memorandum of understanding. During this visit there will also be discussions on cooperation in the fields of agriculture and technology transfer.

Delegation Leader's Arrival Statement

LD021358 Tehran IRNA in English 1315 GMT 2 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec 2, IRNA — The deputy foreign trade minister of the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Klaus Gaedt heading an economic and trade delegation, arrived in Tehran Sunday morning and was greeted at the Mehrabad International Airport by the deputy for foreign trade of the Commerce Ministry, Mujtaba Khosrow-Taj, and the GDR Ambassador to Tehran.

Speaking to IRNA at the airport, Gaedt said that the expansion of mutual relations in technical, scientific and economic fields was beneficial for both countries. He further stressed that due to the emphasis that the Islamic Republic of Iran has placed on self-sufficiency and promotion of agricultural sector, his country was ready to cooperate with Iran.

Referring to the increase in the volume of trade between the two countries, he said that GDR in exchange for oil and non-oil goods, has increased its exports to Iran.

On the expansion of mutual ties, he said that a recent visit of an Iranian delegation to GDR has been effective in this respect. He hopes that his talks with Iranian officials would result in further increase in the volume of trade between Iran and GDR.

Khosrow-Taj, commenting on the trip of the GDR delegation, said that it followed the signing of a letter of understanding between the two countries a few months ago. Prior to the trip of the GDR deputy minister of foreign trade, he added, a team of GDR experts, composed of representatives from various ministries, arrived in Tehran last Thursday.

On the volume of trade between the two countries, Khosrow-Taj said that last year it amounted to 400-million dollars. Iranian exports to GDR included fuel, carpets, dried fruit and minerals. GDR's exports to Iran, he said, were cast iron, steel, machineries and mechanical and electrical tools. Projects which were being implemented in cooperation with GDR, he said, included transportation facilities, cold storage houses, installation of generator diesels, installation of rolling mills for Esfahan's steel complex and the installation of textile machineries.

Economic Talks With Officials

LD031232 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 3 Dec 84

[Text] The GDR deputy foreign trade minister, heading an economic and trade delegation, met his morning in Tehran with the head of the Iranian Chamber of Commerce and Industries and Mines. During this meeting the GDR foreign trade minister explained his country's potential for industrial cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran in the fields of textiles and machinery and expansion of cooperation in agriculture. He also reiterated that the two countries intend to form a joint economic commission for the expansion of bilateral cooperation. He asked Iranian industrialists and merchants to participate actively in the next Leipzig Fair.

Shafe'i-Gaedt Meeting

LD041105 Tehran IRNA in English 1001 GMT 4 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec 4 IRNA — The visiting deputy foreign trade minister of the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Klaus Gaedt, in a meeting with the Iranian minister of industries, Gholam Reza Shafe'i, here Monday afternoon said that his country, within the framework of the joint Iran-GDR Commission, would increase its technical and economic cooperation with Iran. The sessions of the commission are scheduled to start next summer.

The GDR deputy foreign trade minister, who arrived in Tehran Sunday heading a trade and economic delegation, further added that his country could assist Iran in building flour mills, tool and machinery industries, cement factories, and also in renovating its industries.

Shafe'i said there was ample opportunity for both countries to cooperate in the fields of industry and economy. He further stressed that economic cooperation, accompanied by technological ties would yield to better result and stronger relations.

He further pointed out that Iran had vast resources of caoline and siliceous deposits used in china and glass manufacturing. Therefore, Iran would welcome GDR's providing them with the related industries at a reasonable price. Otherwise, he added, Iran would purchase these industries from other countries with easier conditions.

Shafe'i further added that the GDR official has promised to provide Iran with special textile industries.

Oil Export Agreement

LD041228 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 4 Dec 84

[Text] According to our correspondent's report, an agreement was signed today between a GDR economic delegation and the Oil Ministry, on the sale of 1 million metric tons of crude oil to the GDR in 1985. On the basis on the agreement, should both sides agree, this figure can be increased up to 1.5 million metric tons.

Our correspondent reports that in 1984, the GDR purchased 1.25 million metric tons of crude oil from Iran.

Abedi-Ja'fari-Gaedt Meeting

LD052153 Tehran IRNA in English 1801 GMT 5 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec 5, IRNA — The deputy foreign minister of the German Democratic Republic, Klaus Gaedt, met Hasan Abedi-Ja'fari, the minister of commerce, Wednesday and discussed ties between the two countries.

In the meeting, the German official said all-around ties between the two countries had strengthened after the Islamic Revolution and expressed the hope that they will further expand in the future.

The Iranian minister explained Iran's policy on trade and said any country which has taken a friendly step twoards Iran after the revolution has been welcomed by Iran.

He pointed out that the volume of trade between the two countries rose after the 1979 Islamic Revolution and if the two sides try harder they will achieve greater benefits for the two nations.

Conclusion of Talks

LD070023 East Berlin Voice of GDR Domestic Service in German 2300 GMT 6 Dec 84

[Text] Economic talks between the GDR and Iran concluded in Tehran. Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Klaus Gaedt met in the Iranian capital with the ministers of trade and industry and other representatives of the Ministries for Foreign Affairs, Heavy Engineering, Agriculture and Oil. The talks focused on opportunities for expanding cooperation, especially in industry and agriculture.

Pakistan Agriculture Minister Visits, Meets Officials

Agriculture Minister Zali

LD011525 Tehran IRNA in English 1505 GMT 1 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 1 IRNA — The Pakistani minister of agriculture Fazil Janjua who is currently here heading a delegation, met and conferred with his Iranian counterpart, 'Abbas 'Ali Zali Saturday.

During the meeting, Zali said that agriculture was given priority in the Islamic Republic adding that as there were similarities between Iran and Pakistan from agricultural point of view thus the two countries could use each other's experiences.

The Pakistani minister announced his country's readiness to cooperate and exchange experiences with the Islamic Republic.

Meanwhile, an informed Iranian official said that Iran's purchases from Pakistan had increased more than 10 fold in comparison with that before the victory of the Islamic Revolution (on February 11, 1979).

The Pakistani international news agency also announced that Iran was its major importer of Pakistani goods during the past year.

Iran's imports from Pakistan include rice, wheat, sugar, fertilisers and textiles. Pakistan also purchases crude oil and mineral ores from Iran.

Vice-Admiral Fazil Janjua arrived here Saturday heading a delegation at the invitation of the Iranian agriculture minister Zali.

Construction Minister Namdar-Zangeneh

LD011939 Tehran IRNA in English 1630 GMT 1 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 1, IRNA — Minister of Construction Jihad (CJ), Bijan Namdar-Zangeneh Saturday detailed the activities of the Jihad institutions since its formation after the victory of the Islamic Revolution to the visiting Pakistani minister of agriculture, Fazil Janjua. He said that the Jihad members have gone to the most remote and deprived regions of the country to work to wipe out the dwellers of such areas of poverty and deprivations and to revive production in rural environs.

The CJ minister added that the Jihad members have started a great effort which is not only aimed at achieving independence and self-sufficiency for the country but also for turning the villages into live and dynamic productive bases.

On the presence and activities of Jihad members at the battle scenes, he said that the war fronts were training grounds for making the Jihad members stronger.

Speaking on the existing relations between Iran and Pakistan as well as the deep religious and cultural similarities between the two nations, Zangeneh expressed the hope that these relations would further expand and the two countries would be able to utilise each other's experiences in agricultural fields and for the revival of villages.

Vice-Admiral Janjua, in reply, said that he was impressed by the activities of Jihad. He also informed the Construction Jihad minister of the improvement of villages in his country, and called for the exchange of experiences for revival and expansion of agriculture.

The Pakistani minister arrived here Friday heading a delegation for a 3-day official visit at the invitation of Iranian Agriculture Minister 'Abbas 'Ali Zali.

Prime Minister Musavi-Khamene'i
LD021759 Tehran IRNA in English 1707 GMT 2 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec 2, IRNA — Islamic Republic of Iran's Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi received the Pakistani minister of agriculture, Fazil Janjua, here Sunday and discussed agricultural activities of the two countries.

In the meeting, the visiting Pakistani official called for long-term cooperation between the two countries.

Musavi spoke about Islamic foundations in the Pakistani society and expressed the hope that this identity will find greater expression in the daily life of the Pakistanis.

The Iranian minister of agriculture 'Abbas 'Ali Zali was also present at the meeting.

Environmental Official
LD021848 Tehran IRNA in English 1757 GMT 2 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 2, IRNA — The visiting Pakistani minister of agriculture, Mohammad Fazil Janjua met with the head of Iran's environment protection organisation, Akbar Mirza Taheri Sunday.

The Pakistani minister expressed the hope that his country would use the experiences of the Islamic Republic in environmental protection.

Mirza Taheri said he hoped the Pakistani minister would closely familiarise himself with the post-revolutionary achievements of the Islamic Republic. He also said Iran's approach to its environment issues was inspired by Islamic standards.

Zali, Namazi Meetings
LD041614 Tehran IRNA in English 1410 GMT 4 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec 4, IRNA — Pakistan's minister of agriculture, Fazil Janjua, met separately with Iran's minister of agriculture and economics here Tuesday, for talks on bilateral ties.

In the meeting with Minister of Agriculture 'Abbas 'Ali Zali, agricultural cooperation between the two countries was discussed, and the two sides expressed the hope that talks would benefit farming activities in the two countries.

The Pakistani official invited his Iranian counterpart to visit Pakistan and inspect her agricultural productivity.

In the meeting with the minister of economics and finance Hoseyn Namazi, the expansion of economic ties between the two countries and the system of pricing agricultural products were discussed.

Note of Understanding
LD041617 Tehran IRNA in English 1415 GMT 4 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 4, IRNA — The Pakistani minister of agriculture, Fazil Janjua, who was in Iran heading a delegation, left Tehran Tuesday afternoon following a four-day visit and signing of a note of understanding on further mutual cooperation in agricultural, live stock breeding, irrigation, fisheries and agricultural industries and research.

The Pakistani Agriculture Minister visited Iran on the invitation of his Iranian counterpart, 'Abbas 'Ali Zali, and during his stay held talks with various officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran. He also visited a number of agricultural research centers.

The protocol was signed at the end of the visit, by Janjua and Zali.

Iraq Tries To Get GCC Money Through Kuwait
LD050409 Tehran IRNA in English 1711 GMT 4 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 4, IRNA — Baghdad had urged Kuwait to oblige the (Persian) Gulf Cooperation Council to assume payment of Iraq's foreign debts now amounting to about 27 billion dollars, according to an informed source who asked anonymity here today.

Baghdad has assured Kuwait that once the member countries of the council have agreed to foot Baghdad's foreign debts, it would help to smooth border differences between Baghdad and Kuwait.

The Middle East source noted even though the member-states of the council should happen to do so it is very much unlikely of

Baghdad to relinquish its claims over the Persian Gulf islands of Warbah, Faylaka and Bubiyan parts of the Kuwaiti territory.

Earlier on Baghdad had intimated to the Kuwaiti Government that once and if Kuwait should cede the three islands to Iraq, the latter would temporarily suspend its territorial difference with Kuwait.

Kuwait Expels 100 More Iranians Recently

GF021540 Bushehr Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 2 Dec 84

[Text] The Government of Kuwait, in continuation of its acts of animosity, has expelled 100 Iranians over the past few days. According to the Central News Unit, this group arrived in Bushehr by motor launches and were accommodated in special camps for deportees. Some of these people were in possession of legal resident permits for Kuwait and, after being detained, were so severely beaten that one of the deported compatriots who was injured in the leg had to be admitted to a hospital in Bushehr. In addition, all the belongings of the Iranian deportees were confiscated by the Kuwaiti Government.

Clandestine Radio: Guards Killed in Tehran Clash

GF040802 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 3 Dec 84

[Text] We start our newscast with a report from Tehran — It has finally been revealed that in demonstrations by the people of Tehran, two Guards of the regime were killed by the people. This is in addition to the death of four demonstrators. The bloody clashes in the capital last week came when Guards opened fire on the people. However, the demonstrators bravely stood up to them and even threw bottles and stones at the Guards.

In the street battles, in addition to the 4 dead and 200 wounded, 2 Guards were killed and a number of them wounded. The Khomeyni regime however, stopped publication of this report in order to avoid encouraging people to challenge the security agents and other mercenaries. We expect our Tehrani compatriots to defend their innocent and angry compatriots by entering the melee whenever they come across a clash among themselves, Guards and agents of the regime.